

Pound Arts Open: 2020 Edition
14 December 2020 – 23 January 2021



For the past twelve years the Annual Pound Arts Open has proved one of the most exciting and important exhibitions of our creative programme. It provides a great opportunity for artists to showcase their latest work to a broad audience, and for us as an organisation to celebrate the wealth of quality visual art being made in Wiltshire and beyond.

This year the public health crisis has hit us all hard, but Pound Arts will be thrilled to welcome the public back through its doors from 2nd December and offer an exciting visual arts programme once again. As part of this, we will be holding an Open exhibition in December as usual!

Of course, we need to think about the safety of the Pound's visitors and staff, so we'll be making a few changes and compromises this year. However, we promise that the 'The Pound Arts Open: 2020 Edition' will be every bit as vibrant and exciting as previous Open exhibitions.

It should be said that we are even more grateful than ever to the artists who chose to support Pound Arts by submitting their work. Our visual arts programme relies on this income, particularly at this difficult time. We appreciate that it is a tough time for artists too, and will be offering a lower submission fee than in previous years.

Please read the guidance below carefully before submitting your work.

Please be aware that arrangements for the 'Pound Arts Open: 2020 Edition' are subject to change, depending on further announcements regarding the current lockdown measures.

PRIZES

Pound Arts Exhibition Prize – An invite to exhibit at Pound Arts in 2022

[Right Angle Picture Framing](#) Prize - £250

People's Choice Prize - £250 (Sponsored by [Corsham Town Council](#))

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Submission Deadline – Monday 30 November

Notification – Friday 4 December

Artwork delivery – Monday 7 December

Announcement of Prize Winners – Friday 18 December

Announcement of People's Choice Prize – Monday 18 January

Artwork collection – Monday 25 January

Submission Process:

- All submissions are to be made via the Pound Arts website – <https://poundarts.org.uk/whats-on/pound-arts-open-2020/>
- Artists can submit a maximum of three works, which must be original, framed (if accepted), and not previously exhibited at Pound Arts.
- Each work submitted is subject to a payment of £3.
- Please complete all sections of the entry form provided.
- Please note that all selected artworks will be for sale online this year, and therefore it will be to your advantage to provide a good quality image when submitting. (Please see guidance below.)
- Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be no option for physical submissions this year. All submissions must be completed via the link above.

Entry Requirements:

- Due to social distancing measures the gallery, which currently shares its space with some seating from the cafe, we will only be able to accommodate two-dimensional artworks.
- Submissions of two-dimensional artworks in any medium will be considered.
- All work must be for sale. The price must include the frame and commission at 40% and cannot be altered once the work is submitted.
- Due to space restrictions Pound Arts will accept submissions with maximum dimensions of 1meter square.

Selection Process:

- The selection and judging panel will take place digitally, to enable social distancing in the easiest and most effective way possible.
- The panel includes Katie Ackrill (Visual Arts Coordinator, Pound Arts), Patricia Brien (Independent Curator and Researcher) and Alan Fuller (Curator, Chippenham Museum).
- Artists will be informed of the panel's decision by 6pm on Friday 4 December.
- The Panel's decision is final and unfortunately we cannot offer any feedback to unselected entries.
- The number of artworks selected will correspond to the size of the hanging space which may be slightly smaller than previous years.

Delivery:

- Artists who have had work selected will be asked to deliver their work during a specified timeslot on Monday 7 December.
- Artists will be asked to deliver their work to the Community Workshop Space, located to the left of the main building, just off the car park.
- Please fix a label to the back of the work and another attached by string to hang 6 inches over the front from the top, with: name, address, medium, title and price of work including commission.
- Wall mounted work must have D-rings fixed to the back.

Care and Insurance:

- Pound Arts will take every possible care of works; however, Pound Arts cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to exhibits while on the arts centre premises.
- Exhibitors should make their own insurance arrangements if required.

Collection:

- If your work has not sold during the exhibition you will be asked to collect it during a specified timeslot on Monday 25 January.
- We will contact you if the work has sold and you do not need to collect it. If you don't hear otherwise, please assume that the work is not sold and collection will be required.
- Late collections are subject to a charge of £5 per work, and £5 for each additional week.

- Please bring your submission receipt when collecting works. It would be preferable to show us your confirmation email, but a print out shown to staff will also be acceptable.

Preview:

- Due to government guidelines around the Covid-19 pandemic we will not be able to hold a Private View in the gallery space this year.
- The Prize Winners will be announced on Friday 18 December.
- You will be welcome to come and visit the exhibition any time during our opening hours, whilst the exhibition is open between 14 December 2020 – 23 January 2021. Please note The Pound arts centre will be closed for Christmas from lunchtime 24 December and reopen on Monday 4 January.

Payment:

- 40% of artwork sales will go to Pound Arts.
- Payments for sold works will be made by BACS by the end of February 2021.
- Artists are responsible for payment of their own VAT, if applicable.

Image guidance:

This year, all artworks will be available to buy online, via the Pound Arts Flickr page. So it would be helpful if a good quality image can be sent during the submission process. This will also help the online selection process.

Please provide a reproduction that:

- Is in full focus
- Captures the artwork from straight on, and not at an angle
- Avoids glare or shadow on the surface of the artwork

- Captures the colours and textures as accurately as possible

Submission guidance:

We can appreciate that submitting artworks online is a new and daunting experience for many. We have done our best to make the process as easy as possible, but if you experience any issues we will try to help via email:

box.office@poundarts.org.uk